

More Than 30 Years in Prison for Man With Multiple Gun Charges and Resisting Police

Gang Members, Burglar, Child Sex Abuser, Robber Also Sentenced To Jail

Ronald Jackson, 39, of New Castle was sentenced following a trial in which he was convicted of a host of weapons related offenses. Deputy Attorneys General Michael Degliobizzi and Nichole Warner convicted Jackson at trial of Aggravated Menacing, 2 counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Reckless Endangering First Degree, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Possession of Ammunition by a Person Prohibited, Resisting Arrest, Criminal Impersonation, and Criminal Mischief. In February 2016, Jackson went to the home of the victim in the 200 block of North Madison Street, threatened to kill him and fired a single shot from a gun in the victim's direction. Jackson struggled with officers as they attempted to take him into custody and later tried to flee on foot after being treated at Wilmington Hospital. Jackson was sentenced as an habitual criminal offender and is prohibited from possessing a gun because of previous felony convictions. A Superior Court judge sentenced Jackson to a total of 60 years in prison, the first 33 of which are mandatory and unsuspended.

Two members of the Only My Brothers (OMB) gang have pled guilty and been sentenced to charges relating to guns and gang participation, and as a result, are both prohibited for life from owning, possessing or controlling firearms, deadly weapons and ammunition. Deputy Attorney General Mark Denney secured the pleas from Azhe Allen, and Jeremy Tunnel, both 19, of Wilmington. Allen pled guilty to felony charges of Gang

Participation, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Conspiracy Second Degree, and Resisting Arrest. In May 2016, Allen was part of a group of people approached by police at the intersection of 10th and North Pine streets in Wilmington. Allen ran from police, throwing a gun he was holding as he tried to get away, but was taken into custody after a brief chase. Tunnell, also ran from police and was arrested about two months later. Allen was sentenced by a Superior Court judge to 3 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either work release or home confinement, then 18 months of probation. Tunnell pled guilty to felony charges of Gang Participation, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Resisting Arrest, and 2 counts of Conspiracy Second Degree, one of which was connected to a previous Robbery charge. Tunnell was sentenced by a Superior Court judge to 10 months in prison, followed by 1 year of Home Confinement and then 18 months of probation. To date, eight individuals have pled guilty to charges included in the 2016 indictment related to the activities of OMB.

A 57-year old Wilmington man was sentenced to a total of 26 years in prison for charges related to a series of burglaries in the Greenville area in 2015. Richard Lewis was declared a habitual offender with a burglary history dating back nearly four decades, after being convicted by a jury in December to Attempted Burglary Second Degree, 2 counts of Burglary Second Degree, Theft over \$100,000, Theft From a Senior, 2 counts of Criminal Mischief, and one count of Receiving Stolen Property. Deputy Attorneys General Caterina Gatto and Christina Kontis tried the case along with the detectives from New Castle County Police Department, and Kontis secured the sentence. Lewis attempted to break into the first home by stealing a ladder from neighbor's residence and propping it up to a second -floor window. A homeowner awoke to the noise and pulled the blinds back to find herself face to face with the defendant, who then fled. Lewis struck two other homes while homeowners were away, entered through a first-floor window in

one and using a ladder to enter the second story of another, taking more than \$190,000 of property. A Superior Court judge sentenced Lewis as a habitual offender to 24 years for the three burglary charges, and an additional 2 years for the Theft Over \$100,000. After the 26-year minimum mandatory prison sentence, Lewis will serve 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then two years of probation.

Deputy Attorney General Jan van Amerongen secured a prison sentence for Anthony Rodriguez, 21, of Clayton, for sexual offenses against three young children. Rodriguez pled guilty in October 2016 to Sexual Solicitation of a Child, and two counts of Sexual Abuse of a Child by a Person in a Position of Trust, Authority or Supervision Second Degree. While working as a teacher at the Kidz Inc. Academy day care in Newark during the summer of 2015, Rodriguez kissed and touched the young children, and requested that one of the children perform a sexual act upon him. A Superior Court judge sentenced Rodriguez to 12 years in prison followed by 6 months of either work release or home confinement, then 2 years of probation. Rodriguez is to have no contact with the victims or their families, and no unsupervised contact with anyone under 18, and must also register as a Tier III sex offender.

Deputy Attorney General Lindsay Taylor obtained a prison sentence for a 52-year-old Dover man who pled guilty in connection with two Kent County robberies. In early December 2015, Alfred Robinson held up the Valero station on South Dupont Highway in Camden, and later the same month, robbed the Waffle House restaurant, also on South Dupont Highway in Camden. In both incidents, Robinson wore a mask and displayed an air gun. Robinson pled guilty in December 2016 to Robbery First Degree and Aggravated Menacing and was sentenced by a Superior Court judge to 8 years in prison, followed by 1 year of work release, then 1 year of probation.